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COMMISSION AND SESSIONS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES, MANILA, MARCH
1-17, 1978

1. COUNTRIES REPRESENTED INCLUDED AUSTRALIA, BANGLADESH,
FRANCE, INDONESIA, JAPAN, KOREA, MALAYSIA, NEW ZEALAND,
PHILIPPINES, SRI LANKA, THAILAND, UNITED KINGDOM, USA.
MEMBER COUNTRIES NOT REPRESENTED INCLUDED BURMA, INDIA,
KAMPUCHEA, PAKISTAN, VIET NAM. MEETING CHAIRED BY FELIX
GONZALES OF PHILIPPINES.

2. SYMPOSIUM COVERED WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS ON FISH UTILIZA-
TION TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING. DISCUSSION BASED ON 75 PAPERS
PREPARED FOR SYMPOSIUM.

3. PRESIDENT MARCOS GAVE WELCOMING ADDRESS ON 8 MARCH IN
WHICH HE PROPOSED HOSTING OF IPFC SECRETARIAT IN PHILIPPINES.
PHILIPPINE DELEGATE REPEATED OFFER DURING SESSION. SUBJECT
WAS PLACED ON AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION.

4. SESSION REVIEWED VARIOUS REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF
COMMITTEES AND SUBSIDIARY BODIES. NOTED NO DECISION
POSSIBLE ON DESIRABILITY OF IPFC OPERATING ON AUTONO-
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MOUS BUDGET AND VOLUNTARY FUNDING DUE TO POOR RESPONSE
TO QUESTIONNAIRE SENT TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. NOTED
ONLY FIVE OF EIGHTEEN MEMBERS RESPONDED. USA AMONG
NON-RESPONDENTS. USA DELEGATE OFFERED APOLOGIES WITH
PROMISE THAT RESPONSE FORTHCOMING.

5. WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR 1978-79 AND 1980-81

AGREED UPON AS SUBMITTED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. NOTED
THAT IPFC UNABLE TO EMBARK UPON NEW ACTION-ORIENTED
PROGRAMS DUE TO FUNDING PROBLEMS.

6. IPFC REQUEST TO FAO FOR A TUNA MANAGEMENT SPE-
CIALIST AND A REGIONAL STATISTICIAN GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY
IN SESSION RECOMMENDATIONS.

7. JAPAN'S OFFER TO HOST 19TH IPFC SESSION IN SPRING
1980 ACCEPTED BY DELEGATES.
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